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Uncle Steve is going back to Congress—Clearwater Sun.
The first district will be wise if it backs up the Sun's prophecy.

Denmark has granted equal and universal suffrage to all people in its limits. Denmark, one of the smallest nations of the world, is in the very first rank of achievement.

The sinking of the Lusitania had its effect on the decision of Italy to declare war. The Germans claim they were justified in sinking the ship because it had ammunition on board, but the act has already damaged them more materially than a shipload of ammunition. Of the moral damage to their cause, there is no estimate.

Willis B. Powell has secured the services of E. T. Byington as associate editor of the Clearwater Sun. The writer set Mr. Byington's copy on the Macon News almost thirty years ago, and can testify that as an all-around and faithful newspaper man he has few equals. The Sun will now shine brighter than ever.

The Ocala Banner says if Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson knew what was going on in Ocala they "would turn in their graves for very shame." We had no idea things could be so bad as that in Ocala—or so important, either—St. Petersburg Times.

Ocala is all right. The Banner is sore because the people don't accept its advice as the voice of inspiration.

Might the Herald suggest to those who are flying the national emblem that it is not a proper thing to keep the flag of their country flying at night? It ought to be lowered at sunset and raised again at sunrise, the next morning.—Miami Herald.

There are times when its proper to keep it flying 24 hours a day, else we should not have, "Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light."

Our esteemed contemporary, the Banner, informs its readers that it is about to round out the first half century of its existence. There is hardly anybody in Ocala who can remember when there was no Banner, and we sincerely hope that the time will never come when there will be anybody who will not know of its existence. It has been one of the city's institutions, and a great factor for good in the history of the entire state. In some few matters of political economy we have disagreed with it, but its higher ideals have always had our interest and approbation.

Henry Stokes, who holds a responsible position with the Ocala National Bank, returned to the Brick City Sunday night after a visit with his mother and other relatives near the Devil's Millhopper.—Gainesville Sun.

None of the hundreds who know Henry's correct and useful life in Ocala would suppose he had been raised near a place with such a fierce name. The "Devil's Mill Hopper," however, deserves a different appellation. It is a romantic spot rather than a dreadful one.

Speaking of birthdays, the Evening Star, Ocala's oldest daily paper, finished its twentieth year this week. It commenced its existence twenty years ago in the little corner of the Baptist Witness office which is now filled by the editor's table, scissors rack, wastebasket and book cases. Mr. A. L. Harding, foreman of the Witness job office, was editor, but his editing was confined to picking out a few pieces of reprint for the editorial page. Mr. R. R. Carroll was local, sporting and society reporter and business manager, all in one, and carried his office around in his pockets, writing his notes generally on the corner of an imposing stone, though he preferred to use a type stand for a desk, if he could find one that wasn't in use. Billy Barnes set the type and Mr. Harding made up the forms—not much of a job, as there were only four five-column pages, two of which ran from week-end to week-end without changing. The present editor of the Star, then foreman of the Baptist Witness, was a sort of a typographical godfather for the little daily, loaning it miscellany from his forms and helping it in various other ways. The paper was printed on the Witness' grasshopper press. As to whether the paper has done well or ill in twenty years, it leaves its readers to judge. It is four times as big as when it started, sets six times as much type and has ten times the circulation. It has had its ups and downs—some mighty far downs, but it has always come up smiling and never befeared nor tummyached. It

hasn't done all it wanted to do, and hardly all it could have done, but it has stayed on the job, and, its friends helping it, always will.

HOW OCALA WILL LOOK TWENTY-FIVE YEARS HENCE

(Continued from Yesterday)

Well I remembered the country between Dunnellon and Ocala, and if I had gone over it in an aeroplane twenty-five years before, I would have seen ten square miles of arid wilderness to one of cultivation. Over most of it nothing had ever flourished but pines and palmettoes, of the first of these most had been cut down, leaving only stumps.

There was a far different scene unrolled beneath us as we winged our way home that early summer morning. As we circled above the phosphate city, the eastern horizon blushed and the stars began to pale. I took note that the shanties that made up two-thirds of Dunnellon when I saw it last were gone and that it was a handsome town as well as a big one. It and Rockwell were welded together, and along the banks of Blue Springs run were many fine looking homes. Juliette at last was good-looking enough to honor the Italian princess who was her namesake. And now the sun looked over the rim of the world, and as he shot his flaming glances toward us I looked down for my first chance to really see the land.

Many of us have looked from mountain tops and seen country fifty miles away. But if you go up fifteen hundred feet in an aeroplane over a level country, you won't know how far you can see. Things a mile away are right under you.

Florida had come into her own. Industry and science had changed the country to a garden. Field and grove, orchard and pasture, as far as the eye could reach. Homes studded the landscape. Neat villages were frequent, bigger towns occasional. Fifteen miles away, Ocala's skyscrapers stood up like mountains between us and the sun.

The once-all-pervading pines were gone. Here and there in a few places, generally in pastures, could be seen a clump of the trees that were universal a few years before. But there was no lack of foliage. The orange groves and peach orchards, and whole forests of pecans, oaks, poplars and sycamores set for shade took the place of the pines.

Two things caught my eye at once. One was that the houses had no chimneys. The other was that except around the pastures there were no fences.

But the chief interest was the city. I thought of the ancient lie that some Damascus real estate booster attributed to Mohammed, saying that he refused to enter the town, lest he should want to stay there, and so lose Paradise. He might have said it of Ocala and been believed.

I had no conception of a city without smoke. It was one of the elements—an infallible sign of industry. If I had stepped across a mountain brow and seen in the valley a city without volumes of vapor pouring from its chimneys, it would have seemed uncanny; I would have thought it was dead.

But here, as clean and bright, as an ocean-washed shell newly cast up by the tide on the beach, lay a city smokeless, but very much alive.

A minute we looked down into the quiet streets, tenanted with only the scant night traffic. The next minute they were thronged with people out to do their work in the best part of the day.

Everything was fresh and cool. The high buildings of the business center, untroubled with smoke or dust, gleamed brightly, but everywhere around it the homes were ringed and set with trees and gardens and flowers.

The houses were all high, five and six stories the rule, but there were wide spaces between, the streets were wide, the parks and squares were frequent, trees and flowerbeds bordered the sidewalks, and vegetable gardens stood beside and behind the houses. It looked like people had learned to live.

Everywhere everything looked fresh and cool and clean as though it was newly washed by the rain. And the high cultivation of the country around bespoke a large and unailing supply of water.

Said I to the aviator: "From whence do you draw all this water. It looks to me like you would keep Silver Springs pumped dry all the time."

"We would if we depended on it entirely. We draw from it only our drinking water and pressure for our high buildings in case of fire. We hardly ever have a fire, but we guard

against it, all the same. The water for the lower levels, for the streets and mechanical purposes comes from a great artificial lake made by damming the Withlacoochee far up, in the highlands to the south of here. The water is brought in pipes sixty miles."

"It must have been an immense work. When was it done?"
"One of our big men, John Robertson, who held the record for long service as mayor, formed a company and had it done about twelve years ago. People said it couldn't be done, but he went ahead and did it. When the work was finished, he sold it to the city on very reasonable terms. About the same time, the city light and water plant was removed to the springs."

I looked at the black shaft of the standpipe, several miles away, but perfectly plain as it was between us and the morning sun. "How on earth does that thing stand up under its own weight and the water tank on top?"

The aviator grinned "Did you ever see a wheatstalk?"

Having cut a good many acres of wheat with an old-fashioned cradle when I was a boy, I had to admit that I had seen a wheatstalk.

"Well, a wheatstalk with a full head on top has a bigger load in proportion to carry than that standpipe."

"I see how you have plenty of water for the city, but how about the country?"

"Artesian wells: One or two every square mile. More water than we know what to do with."

By this time we were over the main part of town. Looking beyond the bunch of factories in North Ocala I saw quite a little gem of a lake, ringed with woodland. Beyond it was a large residence section, stretching out along two boulevards that were once the Kendrick and Anthony roads.

"What is that lake?"

"Lake Mary in Seymour Park. Said to be the prettiest in the state."

As we came over the immense stone pile of the federal building I noted another wireless apparatus on a rather low but wide and solid structure where the Elks' Club used to stand, and as I looked at it a big flag ran up and was unfurled from a pole on the roof. I read the name "Ocala Banner" as the flag unfurled, and then as easy as laying a baby in its cradle, the airboat slid to its place on the roof of the hotel, and the journey was over.

I thanked the airman, who bowed courteously, and turned me over to a bellboy before he went off duty. As the voyage thru the air had sharpened my appetite, and the one meal of some two hours and a half before had not made up for a twenty-five years fast, I was glad to be told I could be served any minute, and sought the dining room, a vast apartment on the twentieth floor.

In common with nearly everybody else in Ocala, I had formed the habit of reading the Banner at breakfast. One reason why Monday was always such a dull day was that there was no Banner to read at the morning meal. So I was much gratified, when the waiter brought my coffee, for him to lay a sheet with the well remembered headline at my plate. It was some bigger—sixteen pages—but it was a good deal of a likeness, all the same. I glanced thru the telegraph news and found it monotonous—when I went to sleep, half the world was in war, and the other half was about to get in, so it was tame not to find the first page full of slaughter. There were no murders nor railroad accidents, either. Nothing in the paper but good news. There were society, household, sporting and literary departments, all filled. The editorial page carried the name, "Frank Harris, Editor," at the top—it was conservative, instructive, broadminded and kind, so I came to the conclusion that the young man was following in the footsteps of the older one.

(To be continued in our next)

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BOARD OF TRADE

MANY IMPORTANT MATTERS TO ATTEND TO AT WEDNESDAY NIGHT'S MEETING

The first meeting for June of the Board of Trade will be held Wednesday evening. There will be two very important matters to look after. One is the place Ocala shall take on the Central Florida section of the Dixie Highway. The other is making a fight to hold the section of Marion county that the Bloxham divisionists are trying to take from us. By hard work and good luck, we may retain it. At any rate, it is to the interest of every citizen of Ocala to try.

BOARD OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (Continued from First Page)

Session of June 3

The matter of the principalship of the Dunnellon school was called up for consideration and it was decided by the board that there had been no reason established against the appointment of the former principal that would justify the board in declining to make the appointment as recommended by the board of trustees.

Messrs. W. R. Dreher and A. J. Wyche, two of the trustees of the Shiloh district, called and discussed with the board the condition of their school. They presented a petition signed by a large number of the patrons of the school asking that their former teacher be assigned to teach the school. Action was postponed until the special meeting of the board for the purpose of making appointments.

Mrs. D. M. Roberts, matron of the county dormitory, called and discussed the business affairs of the dormitory with the board.

Mr. P. Stephens, supervisor of the Indian Mound school, called and made request for window lights and pump valves which were granted. He also requested the return of the school building and last term and wanted their school to start on the first Monday in September.

Mr. George Blitch for the Commercial Bank, called and took up the matter of a warrant held by the bank of the county taking up a warrant made to A. B. Row for \$800 by the Ocala district that there should be a district warrant for this amount drawn in favor of the county board to reimburse the county for the advance.

George Washington, supervisor of the Wetumpka colored school, called and made request for the house to be repaired and the well deepened but the request was refused.

The following accounts were ordered paid by county funds: Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas for office help, \$42; for freight or desks for Ocala, \$6.33; John Needham for auto hire for board to Citra in inspection of new building, \$7.50; W. T. Gary for labor and supplies for domestic science department of Ocala school, \$9; G. C. Looney for desks, \$75; J. H. Brinson for salary, \$150; Mrs. Carolyn Moorehead for salary, \$37.50; B. R. Blitch for service on board, \$10; J. R. Grantham for same, \$17.80; G. S. Scott for same, \$12.60; American Seating Co. for desks for Ocala primary schools, \$65.50; Taylor Printing Co. for office supplies, \$7; D. W. Davis for insurance premiums, \$130; G. S. Scott and Son for insurance on Citra building, \$235.50; Mrs. D. M. Roberts for expenses of cleaning grounds at dormitory \$5.50; board of public instruction of Lake county for tuition for county pupils, \$29.90; Collier Bros. for hauling desks to Ocala schools \$1; Ocala Telephone Co. for service \$3.26; Collier Bros. for hauling desks to Howard Academy \$6; The Murray Co. for office supplies, \$2.25; J. H. Brinson for postage, \$5.15; H. B. Masters Co. for refrigerator for dormitory \$26; John M. Graham for treasurer's commission \$76.57; P. H. Nugent for recording deed \$1.10; Commercial Bank for interest on warrants to May 31, \$71.22; H. B. Masters Co. for supplies for domestic science department of Ocala school \$13.74; Oval & Koster for diplomas \$8.75; E. C. Hosford for fees as architect on Citra building, \$326; Ocala National Bank for account of W. V. Henry for payment on Citra contract \$2,465; Ocala National Bank for account of W. C. Blanchard for screening dormitory \$36.60; teachers' salaries \$860. The following were ordered paid from district funds: On Ocala, Frederick Disinfecting Co. for disinfectant \$60; teachers' salaries \$1,605; Melver & MacKay for rake for high school 45c; P. H. Nugent for recording arbitration agreement, \$5.30; the Murray Co. for ink for high school \$1; McIntosh, Walker Drug Co. for crayons and erasers, \$3.15; on Dunnellon, the Dunnellon Pharmacy for chemicals for high school \$2.75; G. W. Neville for janitor's salary \$13; Guess & Elston for domestic science supplies, \$2.85; teachers' salaries \$470; on Reddick to reimburse county funds for mistake in teacher's salary \$10; on Weirsdale, Cora Murray for salary \$70; on Fellowship to reimburse county for error in teacher's salaries \$50; on Linadale to reimburse county on teacher's salary \$10; on Cotton Plant to reimburse county \$15; on Orange Lake, Amanda Wainright for salary \$50; on Fairfield B. R. Chambers for stove pipe and broom \$2.10; on Cottage Hill, A. S. Pickett for transporting children to Fellowship \$25; on Summerfield, Nellie Clyburn for teaching \$75; Alta Seymour for same \$40; Green Pond G. D. Turner, making election \$2; L. B. Jordan, for same, \$2; B. A. Grantham for same \$2; L. J. Hall for same \$2.

The teachers' reports were presented and accounts ordered paid. The treasurer's report was presented and checked over and found to be apparently correct. It showed conditions as follows: For county funds: Balance May 1, \$376.62; collected, \$222.47 regular polls, \$310 extra polls \$29; comptroller for school redemptions \$86.20; J. S. Grantham for collections from colored people at Fort McCoy for school purposes \$3; comptroller for A. C. L. Ry., S. A. L. Ry., Standard & Hernandez Ry. and A. C. L. Tel. Co., \$689.69; comptroller for January redemptions \$23.61. Total \$7930.56; disbursements as per warrants \$7759.53; balance in regular fund \$171.03, and in loan funds \$2,238.63.

The following district balances were shown: Ocala \$27.30, McIntosh \$21.98, Belleview \$43.01, Fantville

\$25.10, Dunnellon \$5.04, Reddick \$2.59, Pine Level \$316.59, Mayville \$76.55, Weirsdale \$741.17, Citra \$12.77, Griner Farm \$3.05, Buck Pond \$5.06, Sparr \$1.47, Candler \$416.29, Fellowship \$1.83, Electra \$41.95, Blitchton \$11.67, Martel \$231.07, Fort King \$61.79, Capulet \$266.63, Linadale \$193.14, Cotton Plant \$221.60, Orange Lake \$145.25, Oak Hill \$28.08, Moss Bluff \$41.75, Fairfield \$1.03, Cottage Hill \$40.76, Charter Oak \$327.23, Pedro \$25.24, Kendrick \$8.41, Oklawaha \$131.69, Heidtville \$338.71, Pleasant Hill \$42.04, Fort McCoy Academy \$56.82, Summerfield \$54.41, Homeland \$42.75, Shiloh \$35.56, total \$4061.63. The following balances were shown for district interest and sinking funds accounts: Ocala \$2466.68, Dunnellon \$768.62, Citra \$239.92. The board adjourned to meet at 7:30 at night.

The board met with all members present and acting and the Ocala trustees were all present. The trustees recommended the appointment of Mr. Roy B. Bowers as one of the teachers in the high school and Miss Tidball as teacher of English.

They also reported upon a conference held in the afternoon with a number of colored citizens and the principals of Howard Academy and certain requests that were made.

After some discussion of the matter it was agreed by the board that the expenditures that had been made for the furnishing of the Ocala schools should be borne by the county funds and also that the expenditures made in the equipment of the domestic science department should be borne from the county funds.

The superintendent presented a statement of the appropriation by the county board of \$15,000 to meet the proceeds of the sale of \$75,000 in bonds voted by the Ocala district and the advances made by the county in pursuance of this appropriation and the county warrants that had been redeemed by district warrants, the complete statement showing that the county had expended in excess of the appropriation for this purpose \$1832.35 which amount the district acknowledges to owe the county. It was agreed that there should be a district warrant drawn in favor of the county funds for the above amount in full settlement of all dues from the district to the county up to and including June 1, 1915.

The superintendent also presented a detailed statement showing the disposition of the proceeds of the \$75,000 bond sale of the Ocala district for school purposes. It was carefully examined and after considerable discussion was pronounced satisfactory to board of trustees and county school board.

It was also agreed that in consideration of the county taking up a warrant made to A. B. Row for \$800 by the Ocala district that there should be a district warrant for this amount drawn in favor of the county board to reimburse the county for the advance.

It was also agreed that bids should be called for to finish one room in the upstairs of the Ocala primary school for the district from county funds and when the amount of expense should have been ascertained there should be a district warrant drawn in favor of the county for this amount.

The superintendent nominated and the board appointed a grading committee from among the teachers to serve on the approaching teachers' examination.

Resolution about the sale of \$26,000 of funding warrants. No further business appearing the board adjourned to meet in regular session on July 6, 1915, unless sooner called in extra session.

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Wednesday, the 23rd day of June, 1915

It is further ordered that a copy of this order be published once a week for four consecutive weeks, in the Ocala Star, a newspaper published in said county and state.

This 25th day of May, 1915. (Seal) P. H. Nugent, Clerk Circuit Court, Marion County, Florida. By Ruth Ervin, D. C. S. T. Sistrunk, Complainant's Solicitor. 25-C.

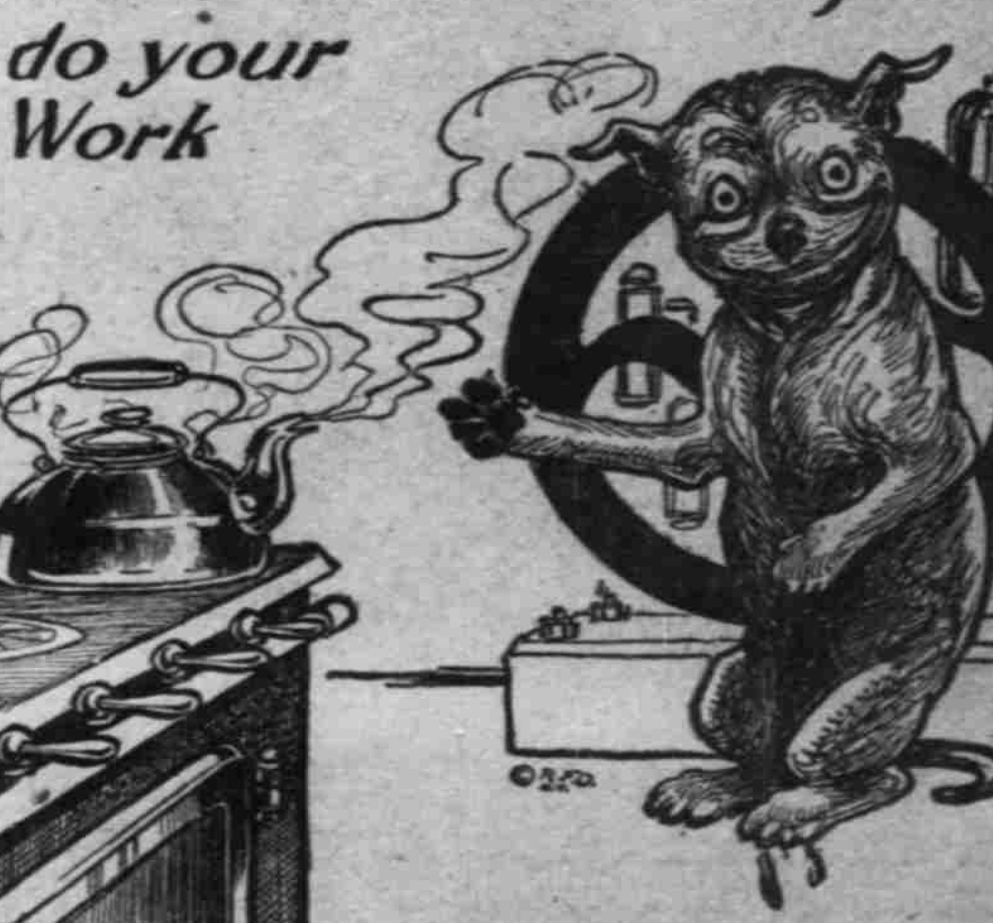
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